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S E C R E T BEIRUT 1707

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TAGS: PFOR PINS PLO XF

SUBJECT: SOVIET WOOING ARAFAT

REF: BEIRUT 1627

1. TODAY, FEBRUARY 5, I HAD LUNCH WITH GHASSAN TUENI, WHO REVIEWED MUCH OF REFTTEL. HE SAID HE HAD SEEN ARAFAT AGAIN SINCE HE MET WITH DCM AND POL SECTION CHIEF AND ARAFAT HAD INDICATED HIS DEEP CONCERN RE SOVIET WOOING, NOT ONLY OF ARAFAT, BUT ALSO HIS ASSOCIATES. ACCORDING TO TUENI, ARAFAT IS 100 PER CENT ANTI-COMMUNIST, BUT OF COURSE CANNOT REJECT SOVIET ADVANCES OR ASSISTANCE. ARAFAT BELIEVES HE CAN CONTROL SUCH SOVIET ADVANCES AS REGARDS HIMSELF, BUT IS CONCERNED LEST SOVIETS FIND MANY

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OF HIS ASSOCIATES LESS STAUNCH.

2. RE PARA 6 REFTTEL, HE NOTED PRESS CARRIED REPORTS OF SADAT HAVING INVITED ARAFAT TO CAIRO BUT THAT ARAFAT HAD INDICATED HE COULD NOT CURRENTLY UNDERTAKE SUCH A VOYAGE. ACCORDING TO TUENI, ARAFAT'S REASONING IS THAT AS OF THE MOMENT HE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE FOLLOWING GROMYKO'S VISIT TO CAIRO.

3. RE SADAT-ARAFAT RELATIONS, TUENI STATED THAT WHEN HE SAW SADAT LAST MONTH, SADAT SPECIFICALLY ASKED HIM TO TELL ARAFAT TO BE PATIENT AND TO ASSURE ARAFAT THAT HE, SADAT, HAD VERY GOOD REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT USG AND EVEN ISRAEL HAD MOVED A LONG WAY TOWARD ACCEPTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN WEST BANK STATE. TUENI HAD TRANSMITTED THIS MESSAGE TO ARAFAT, WHO, WHILE AGREEING TO BE AS PATIENT AS HE COULD, NEVERTHELESS WAS STILL SUSPICIOUS AND QUESTIONED SADAT'S OPTIMISM.

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